



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

Approved
BEACH REDEVELOPMENT BOARD (BRB)
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
8th FLOOR CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301
Monday, November 18, 2019, 2:30 P.M.

MEMBERS	FEB 2019/JAN 2020				
	REGULAR MTGS		SPECIAL MTGS		
		Present	Absent	Present	Absent
Thomas B. McManus, Chair	P	9	0	1	1
Art Bengochea, Vice Chair	A	8	1	2	0
Vincent Ang	P	8	1	2	0
Jason Crush	A	5	2	2	0
Jason Hughes	P	9	0	2	0
Monty Lalwani	P	7	2	1	1
Christian Luz	P	6	3	2	0
Shirley Smith	P	9	0	2	0
Aiton Yaari	P	7	2	2	0
Frank Smith	A	1	2	0	0

Staff

Don Morris, Beach CRA Manager
Stephanie Hughey, Administrative Aide
Cija Omengebar, CRA Planner
Brian Meo, Technology Liaison Officer, Police Department
Tatiana Guerrier, Prototype, Inc.

I. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum – Thomas McManus, Chair

Chair McManus called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of BRB Meeting Minutes – Thomas McManus, Chair

- **October 21, 2019**

Motion made by Mr. Ang, seconded by Mr. Yaari, to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2019 BRB meeting as presented. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

III. Community Policing and Oceanside Park Substation – Brian Meo, Technology Liaison Officer, Police Department

Mr. Meo explained the Police Department was gifted a substation at the Welcome Center, and plan to have a desk there for use when working in the area. In addition, he explained the substation can be used as a light operations center during events, with four (4)

screens on the wall to watch the cameras in the park as well as those on the City's video management system. As of now, there is no internet in the center, making it unusable. He explained City staff is working aggressively to correct the issue. The current timeline is completion by Christmas.

Mr. Meo provided background on the workflow of body cameras issued to personnel. He explained each officer has two (2) cameras, so they will be able to use the substation to dock cameras and upload images rather than having to go back to the main station.

Mr. Morris noted the park was designed with two (2) parking spaces for the Police Department to use periodically.

The Board and staff discussed signage, as well as dummy cars.

Mr. Yaari asserted whenever the officers could park in the spaces, it would be a benefit to the community.

Mr. McManus asked if there was an idea of a schedule in place for policing. He stated the perception of officers being in the park becomes reality, and he wanted not only the citizens, but visitors feel comfortable, welcome, and safe.

The Board and staff discussed park hours.

Mr. Hughes spoke to a lack of police uniform presence on the beach, stating he understood cameras were a part of the plan, but he wondered if there was a strategy in place to increase presence.

Mr. Meo stated he would bring the question to his staff. He officers are responsible for calls for service in addition to interactions, covering a large area.

The Board and staff discussed lack of police presence in the area. They each noted areas where they saw a need, including evenings along A1A and weekend nights in the garage.

Mr. Yaari stated the police used to give a monthly report and asked for that to return to the agenda.

Ina Lee explained her daughter and grandson had issues in the parking garage, and said it was developing a reputation for being unsafe. She referenced a recent fight in the garage and stated she was also concerned there wouldn't be enough light once turtle season begins.

Mr. McManus reiterated that one (1) incident could taint the great asset, asked for assistance in keeping the area safe.

Mr. Hughes explained fights were starting in the garage because when the bridge is up, it backs up into the garage and people don't know why they can't get out, so it would be helpful to have policing during that time.

IV. Oceanside Park Activation and Super Bowl Event – Dan Barnett, BID Manager

Mr. Barnett stated the Oceanside Park will come alive on November 26 for the Light Up Ceremony. He noted Ari Glassman has created an event expanding on Friday Night Sound Waves beginning on January 24 to kick-off events at the park. He stated the goal is for people to show up at the park, take photos, talk about it, and plan with the park as a destination in mind.

Continuing, Mr. Barnett explained conversations are behind held regarding bringing the park into the Great American Beach event.

Mr. Morris stated there will be time when the park is not activated, but the goal is to do something there three (3) or four (4) times a week. He noted the water feature is a good size, and families will want to be there.

Mr. Yaari said the restrooms were small for larger events.

In response to a question from Mr. Hughes, Mr. Morris stated there would no longer be a launch event in combination with the holiday, but a ribbon cutting for the park and garage would be held once work is done.

Mr. Barnett reviewed activation in the area surrounding the Super Bowl, noting "Big Game Super Celebration" events will be held on Friday and Saturday. Plans include a free concert with a major artist, a conservation effort, and children's activities, pending the ability to secure funding.

The Board discussed progress on the park and preparations for the holiday celebration.

Mr. Morris stated the park will be open and ready for the lighting, but the shade structure significant work will remain to be done after the lighting, including lighting, sanding, and sanitary sewer work.

Ina Lee stated it was critically important that there are people out directing visitors, to welcoming them to the holiday event, directing them to the garage and back, and giving the best first impression possible. She said this was a City event and needed to be orchestrated well, being Disney-like in welcoming people.

Continuing, Ms. Lee encouraged the Board to write a letter to Tom Green and the team to thank them for doing what they said they were going to do, when they said they would do it.

V. Communication to City Commission

None

VI. Old/New Business – Donald Morris, AICP, CRA Manager

- **Light Up Ceremony**

Mr. Morris reminded the Board that a VIP Reception will be held at the park at 5:30 p.m. on November 26, and they are asked to RSVP. During the Light Up Ceremony there will be an orchestra, other musical numbers, activities with children, and fireworks.

Mr. Morris noted the BRB had worked on this park for 10 years, and it was important that they can show up for the event.

- **Member Suggested Agenda Items**

Mr. Morris asked for a preference regarding the December meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Yaari, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to cancel the December meeting. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hughes stated in looking through the Board's goals, safety is not mentioned.

The Board and staff discussed safety concerns regarding pedestrians and vehicles on the beach following a tragedy over the weekend.

Mr. Morris stated the Board can say they are concerned and work to influence the City and State to work together to make the intersection safer.

Mr. Hughes asked that the item be added to the January agenda.

The Board and staff discussed traffic issues and information gathering.

Mr. Morris asked the Board to wait for the investigation to move forward and stated he would find out what the City plans to do, if anything, and communicate that information to the Board prior to the January meeting.

VI. Adjournment – Thomas McManus, BRB Chair

Motion duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2019.